

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently amended) ~~Releasable~~ The releasable connection according to ~~Claim 1~~ Claim 41, wherein the releasable connection comprises at least two ~~mutually spaced ones~~ of said projecting pins which are arranged on ~~a common~~ said at least one base plate ~~or on two separate base plates~~.

3. (Currently amended) ~~Releasable~~ The releasable connection according to ~~Claim 1~~ Claim 41, wherein ~~each~~ said at least one base plate is held in position on the first ~~component~~ of the body skin parts by way of a snap-on connection.

4. (Currently amended) ~~Releasable~~ The releasable connection according to Claim 2, wherein ~~each~~ said at least one base plate is held in position on the first ~~component~~ of the body skin parts by way of a snap-on connection.

5. (Currently amended) ~~Releasable~~ The releasable connection according to ~~claim 1~~ Claim 41, wherein the at least one base plate rests on a side of the first ~~component~~ of the body skin parts which faces away from the second ~~component~~ of the body skin parts, and wherein the at least one projecting pin projects through an opening of the first ~~component~~ of the body skin parts.

6. (Currently amended) ~~Releasable~~ The releasable connection according to ~~claim~~ Claim 2, wherein the at least one base plate rests on a side of the first ~~component~~ of the body skin parts which faces away from the second ~~component~~ of the body skin parts, and wherein the at least one projecting pin projects through an opening of the first ~~component~~ of the body skin parts.

7. (Currently amended) ~~Releasable~~ The releasable connection according to ~~claim~~ Claim 3, wherein the at least one base plate rests on a side of the first ~~component~~ of the body skin parts which faces away from the second ~~component~~ of the body skin parts, and wherein the at least one projecting pin projects through an opening of the first ~~component~~ of the body skin parts.

8-11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently amended) ~~Releasable~~ The releasable connection according to ~~claim 8~~ Claim 41, wherein the plate-shaped web ~~of the receiving device~~ is connected with the second ~~component~~ of the body skin parts by means of snap-on connections.

13. (Currently amended) ~~Releasable~~ The releasable connection according to ~~claim 11~~ Claim 2, wherein the plate-shaped web ~~of the receiving device~~ is connected with the second ~~component~~ of the body skin parts by means of snap-on connections.

14. (Currently amended) ~~Releasable~~ The releasable connection according to ~~claim 8~~ Claim 41, wherein each receiving section has two circular-arc-shaped holding lips which are arranged above one another, free ends of both holding lips being so far away from one another in a vertical direction that a lateral insertion of the sleeve part is ensured.

15. (Currently amended) ~~Releasable~~ The releasable connection according to ~~claim 11~~ Claim 2, wherein each receiving section has two circular-arc-shaped holding lips which are arranged above one another, free ends of both holding lips being so far away from one another in a vertical direction that a lateral insertion of the sleeve part is ensured.

16. (Currently amended) ~~Releasable~~ The releasable connection according to ~~claim~~ Claim 12, wherein each receiving section has two circular-arc-shaped holding lips which are arranged above one another, free ends of both holding lips being so far away from one another in a vertical direction that a lateral insertion of the sleeve part is ensured.

17. (Currently amended) ~~Releasable~~ The releasable connection according to ~~claim 8~~ Claim 41, wherein the sleeve part has radially projecting collar sections on its ~~two~~ ends, ~~which~~ and wherein the collar sections fix the sleeve part in the axial direction on the receiving device.

18. (Currently amended) ~~Releasable~~ The releasable connection according to ~~claim 11~~ Claim 2, wherein the sleeve part has radially projecting collar sections on its ~~two~~ ends, ~~which~~ and wherein the collar sections fix the sleeve part in the axial direction on the receiving device.

19. (Currently amended) ~~Releasable~~ The releasable connection according to ~~claim~~ Claim 12, wherein the sleeve part has radially projecting collar sections on its ~~two~~ ends, ~~which~~ and wherein the collar sections fix the sleeve part in the axial direction on the receiving device.

20. (Currently amended) ~~Releasable~~ The releasable connection according to ~~claim~~ Claim 14, wherein the sleeve part has radially projecting collar sections on its ~~two~~ ends, ~~which~~ and wherein the collar sections fix the sleeve part in the axial direction on the receiving device.

21. (Currently amended) ~~Releasable~~ The releasable connection according to ~~claim 1~~ Claim 41, wherein at least one face-side end of the sleeve ~~part~~ is closed by a wall, and wherein a narrow longitudinal slot for introducing an auxiliary tool is provided at the wall in order to rotate the sleeve ~~part~~.

22. (Currently amended) ~~Releasable~~ The releasable connection according to ~~claim~~ Claim 2, wherein at least one face-side end of the sleeve ~~part~~ is closed by

a wall, and wherein a narrow longitudinal slot for introducing an auxiliary tool is provided at the wall in order to rotate the sleeve ~~part~~.

23. (Currently amended) ~~Releasable~~ The releasable connection according to ~~claim~~ Claim 3, wherein at least one face-side end of the sleeve ~~part~~ is closed by a wall, and wherein a narrow longitudinal slot for introducing an auxiliary tool is provided at the wall in order to rotate the sleeve ~~part~~.

24. (Currently amended) ~~Releasable~~ The releasable connection according to ~~claim~~ Claim 4, wherein at least one face-side end of the sleeve ~~part~~ is closed by a wall, and wherein a narrow longitudinal slot for introducing an auxiliary tool is provided at the wall in order to rotate the sleeve ~~part~~.

25. (Currently amended) ~~Releasable~~ The releasable connection according to ~~claim~~ Claim 5, wherein at least one face-side end of the sleeve ~~part~~ is closed by a wall, and wherein a narrow longitudinal slot for introducing an auxiliary tool is provided at the wall in order to rotate the sleeve ~~part~~.

26-27. (Canceled)

28. (Currently amended) ~~Releasable~~ The releasable connection according to ~~claim~~ Claim 12, wherein at least one face-side end of the sleeve ~~part~~ is closed

by a wall, and wherein a narrow longitudinal slot for introducing an auxiliary tool is provided at the wall in order to rotate the sleeve ~~part~~.

29. (Currently amended) ~~Releasable~~ The releasable connection according to ~~claim~~ Claim 14, wherein at least one face-side end of the sleeve ~~part~~ is closed by a wall, and wherein a narrow longitudinal slot for introducing an auxiliary tool is provided at the wall in order to rotate the sleeve ~~part~~.

30. (Currently amended) ~~Releasable~~ The releasable connection according to ~~claim~~ Claim 17, wherein at least one face-side end of the sleeve ~~part~~ is closed by a wall, and wherein a narrow longitudinal slot for introducing an auxiliary tool is provided at the wall in order to rotate the sleeve ~~part~~.

31. (Currently amended) ~~Releasable~~ The releasable connection according to ~~claim 1~~ Claim 41, wherein, for achieving a defined prestressing of the releasable connection, the sleeve ~~part~~ has an eccentric construction.

32. (Currently amended) ~~Releasable~~ The releasable connection according to ~~claim~~ Claim 29, wherein, for achieving a defined prestressing of the releasable connection, the sleeve ~~part~~ has an eccentric construction.

33-40. (Canceled)

41. (New) A releasable connection between two adjoining body skin parts of a vehicle body which are fitted together along a joint, said parts, in a common connection area, being provided with inwardly bent, projecting flanges oriented in the same direction, the flanges resting against one another in regions in the common connection area, the releasable connection comprising:

at least one base plate which is held in position at a first of the body skin parts and which has at least one projecting pin, and

a receiving device which is fastened to a second of the body skin parts and which has a rotatable slotted sleeve,

wherein the at least one base plate extends to the second of the body skin parts from a side of the flange facing away from the second of the body skin parts and is supported thereon,

wherein the receiving device comprises an approximately plate-shaped web as well as two receiving sections which are arranged at a distance from one another and are connected with the web, within which the rotatable slotted sleeve is received,

wherein an end-side profiled head section of the at least one projecting pin can be guided through openings of the first of the body skin parts, of the second of the body skin parts, of the receiving device, and of the rotatable slotted sleeve, and

wherein, as a result of a radial rotation of the rotatable slotted sleeve through a selected angle, the sleeve reaches in regions behind a circular-arc-

shaped area of the head section and fastening of the body skin parts together takes place.